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1. INDOCHINA

THREE PL SOLDIERS SHOW NO SIGNS GIVING UP 3-DAY
OCCUPATION US CHARGE CHAPMAN'S COMPOUND. EMBASSY
PROTESTED SIT-IN, BUT MFA'S PROMISE SOLDIERS WOULD
BE REMOVED HAS NOT BEEN KEPT (WP; AP SUN, GLOBE).

PUBLIC HUMILIATION OF OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF ASSOCIATING
WITH AMERICANS, RECANTATIONS, GOING ON ALL OVER LAOS
AS PL INCREASE CONTROL (AP SUN, GLOBE). NYT'S KAMM
DESCRIBES "LIBERATION" OF VILLAGE BY PL THAT INVOLVED
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4 HOURS OF SPEECHMAKING BEFORE APATHETIC PUBLIC,
CONFESSION OF WRONGDOING BY OFFICIALS, CONFESSIONS
BY THOSE CRITICIZED. IN 6/22 NYT, KAMM SAYS IN VIRTUAL
SURRENDER OF NON-COMMUNISTS TO PL, NO ELEMENT COLLAPSED

MORE QUICKLY, COMPLETELY, THAN ARMED FORCES TRAINED,
PAID, EQUIPPED BY US.

PP RADIO SAYS FONMIN SARIN CHHAK VISITED SEVERAL
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALBANIA, YUGO, THAT SUPPORTED
KR DURING WAR (NYT; WP). ALSO CLAIMS 100 US MARINES

KIA DURING KOH TANG FIGHTING, THOUGH DOD SAYS 41 KIA
(AP SUN; WP).

REFUGEES ESCAPING INTO THAILAND SAY CAMBODIA HEADING
FOR DISASTER, PREDICT MILLION MAY DIE OVER NEXT 2 YRS
BECAUSE OF FORCED EVACUATION CITIES. MAIN SOURCES
OF FOOD AID WOULD BE PRC, NVN, BUT NEITHER HAS SAID
IS HELPING (REUTER, WP). PP RADIO ACCUSES VOLAG MEMBERS
WHO WORKED IN COUNTRY OF BEING CIA AGENTS (AP, SUN).

RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED ICRC REPORTS INDICATE LARGE-SCALE
BRUTALITY IN SVN PRISONS (NOVITSKI/LIPPMAN, WP 6/22)
USED DURING WAR TO SEPARATE FRIEND FROM FOE IN COMBAT
ZONES, AND CONFINED FOES (NOVITSKI/LIPPMAN, IN USIA WIRE-
LESS FILE). PHUQUOC PRISON WAS MAJOR ICRC CONCERN
(NOVITSKI, WP 6/21), WHILE QUINHON PRISON DESCRIBED
AS SITE OF "INTOLERABLE CRUELTY" (LIPPMAN, WP).

AFSC'S KNIGHT/SHANNON (GLOBE 6/22) WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED
TO PREDICTED SVN "BLOODBATH"; CLAIM EARLIER STORIES OF
NVN, VC MASS SLAYINGS DURING LAND-REFORM IN NVN IN
1956, AND AT HUE DURING TET 1968, WERE FABRICATIONS.
LARDNER (WP 6/21) REPORTS SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
DISCLOSED US CONSIDERED DIEM'S ASSASSINATION IN 1963,
REJECTED IN HIGH-LEVEL DECISION.

VIET MIL FORCES HAVE FOUGHT BATTLES WITH COMMUNISTS
IN CAMBODIA, SEEM PREPARING FOR CLASHES IN LAOS AS
WELL. BATTLES CAUSED BY CENTURIES-OLD FRONTIER
DISPUTES, OR NVA UNWILLINGNESS WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM
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SANCTUARIES ESTABLISHED DURING WAR. HANOI'S READINESS
FIGHT NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST-LED ARMIES HAS SPURRED
SEA FEARS NVN PLANS MAKE EMPIRE OF REGION; BUT US NOT
CONVINCED HANOI REALLY INTENDS EMBARK ON CONQUEST
(UPI, NYT 6/21).

IN COMMENT ON SECSTATE 6/18 SPEECH BEFORE JAPAN
SOCIETY, NVN SAYS US HAS NOT DRAWN "NECESSARY LESSONS"
FROM INDOCHINA FAILURE. STATES US STILL STICKS TO
NEOCOLONIALIST POLICY OF INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL
AFFAIRS ASIAN COUNTRIES (GLOBE 6/22).

SAIGON CIVILIANS AID SECURITY FORCES BREAK UP 2

ANTI-GOVT ORGANIZATIONS, ACCORDING RADIO SAIGON (WP). NVN, SVN DELEGATES TO INTL WOMEN'S YR CONFERENCE IN MEXICO GIVE IMPRESSION BOTH PLAN APPLY SOON FOR SEPARATE UN MEMBERSHIPS (CSM). HIGH-RANKING HANOI SOURCE SAYS VN WILL BE TOTALLY REUNIFIED BY END NEXT YEAR (AFP WP, GLOBE).

LOCKHEED SAYS BEING SUED FOR 545 MILLION DOLS BY SURVIVORS, NEXT-OF-KIN, OF THOSE KILLED IN APRIL C-5 CRASH NEAR SAIGON (WSJ).

2. CHINA

ASNE GROUP ARRIVES IN HK, ENDING 25-DAY PRC VISIT (AP, SUN). GROUP OF AMERICAN INDIANS FROM VANCOUVER AREA--STYLED "CANADIAN NATIVE PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION" BY OFFICIAL PRC MEDIA -- ENDS 20-DAY CHINA STAY (WP).

NCNA CHARGES SOVIET IS TRYING UNDERMINE EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE JAPAN-PRC PEACE TREATY (WP). LUANDA REPORTS DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY PRC, SOVIET WEAPONS BEING SUPPLIED RIVAL AFRICAN GROUPS SEEKING CONTROL OF ANGOLA AFTER NOV 11 INDEPENDENCE (SUN, CSM).

"STUDY AND CRITICISM" MAG GIVES DETAILED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SPOT PRC-STYLE BOURGEOISE-LOAFING, FEAR OF HARD WORK, GOSSIPING, ETC (REUTER, SUN).
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3. THAILAND

THAI FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION LEFT PEKING FOR HOME SUNDAY AFTER "SATISFACTORY" NEGOTIATIONS ON IMPENDING ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (AFP, NYT).

NYT'S ANDELMAN, IN YALA, REPORTS COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS OPERATING FREELY IN SOUTHERN THAI FRONTIER PROVINCES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSJ'S KANN SAYS THAILAND GROWING LESS ATTRACTIVE TO FOREIGN INVESTORS, AS RESULT INTERNAL INSTABILITY AND EXTERNAL THREATS. BUT DESPITE PROBLEMS, COUNTRY REMAINS HEALTHIER THAN MOST DEVELOPING NATIONS. ACCORDING STANDARD AND CHARTERED REVIEW, THAILAND EXPECTED TO HAVE EXPORTABLE SURPLUS OF 610,000 TONS RAW SUGAR THIS YEAR (JOC).

4. AUSTRALIA/NZ

LABOR GOVT CUTS ONE MORE TIE WITH BRITISH CROWN, CONFERS FIRST DOMESTIC AWARDS ON PERSONS WHO HAVE

GIVEN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COUNTRY. NEW CONTROVERSIAL
SOCIALIZED MEDICINE PROGRAM TO START JULY 1; OPPOSED
BY AUSSIE MED ASSN, NSW, VICTORIA, WEST AUSTRALIA
AND WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY BY ALL (MILLAR, CSM).

GONZ STUDIES O'SEAS COMPANIES' PROPOSALS FOR NATURAL
GAS EXPLOITATION (JOC).

5. MARIANAS

ISLANDS STEP OUT OF WAR PAST, WILL BECOME AMERICAN
JULY 1; TINIAN REAPS BENEFITS OF MIL SPENDING, SAIPAN
CAPITALIZES ON TOURISM (UPI, GLOBE 6/22).

6. KOREA

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GOVT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED SUNDAY THAT SK HAS ORDERED
ALL ROK EMPLOYEES INTO SPECIAL "THIRD DEGREE"
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EMERGENCY ALERT FOR ANY POSSIBLE NK MIL ACTION (AP
SUN, WP; OBERDORFER, WP 6/22; UPI GLOBE 6/22; CSM).
OBERDORFER ADDS THAT SK RESIDENCE CARD REGULATIONS
ARE BEING TIGHTENED, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
STIFFENED.

PYONGYANG BRANDS SCHLESINGER "NOTORIOUS WAR MANIAC"
AND PRES FORD "VILLAINOUS BOSS OF WAR" FOLLOWING SECDEF'S
HINT NUKES MIGHT BE USED IN KOREA; NK INSISTS
REPORTS OF POSSIBLE INVASION OF SOUTH ARE "RIDICULOUS
RUSE" (AP GLOBE, SUN, WP; UPI, NYT).

7. JAPAN

WP'S ROLLOW (6/21) IN TOKYO, SAYS, IN VIEW OF POLITICAL
OBSERVERS, JAPAN'S FAZLURE TO RATIFY NPT CAN BE BLAMED
ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS. MOFA OFFICIALS CONCERNED
FAILURE TO RATIFY PACT MIGHT RAISE SUSPICIONS AMONG
OTHER NATIONS THAT JAPAN WILL REARM WITH NUKES; THEY
ALSO FEAR DELAY MAY AFFECT THEIR SUPPLY OF RESOURCES
FROM ABROAD FOR PEACEFUL USES ATOMIC ENERGY.

HALLORAN (NYT) OBSERVES THAT WITH ONLY TWO WEEKS
TO GO IN CURRENT SESSION, PARLIAMENT HAS SO FAR FAILED TO
PASS ANY OF MIKI'S PROMISED MAJOR LEGISLATION, THUS
JEOPARDIZING HIS POLITICAL STANDING, THOUGH APPEARS NO
IMMEDIATE DANGER TO PM'S HOLD ON OFFICE (6/22).

TREASURY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, CLEAR JAPANESE
PORTABLE ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER IMPORTERS OF POSSIBLE ANTI-
DUMPING DUTIES (WSJ, JOC).

FLYING TIGER RECENTLY FEW ENTIRE 17,500-POUND AUTOMATED

TAPE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO JAPAN FROM US, THOUGH
ELECTRONIC/COMPUTER PRODUCTS GENERALLY THOUGHT OF
AS MOVING IN OTHER DIRECTION (JOC).

AMSTERDAM STOCK EXCHANGE NOW LISTS 27 JAPANESE FIRMS,
MORE THAN ON ANY OTHER NON-JAPANESE FINANCIAL EXCHANGE,
AND MUCH JAPANESE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY IN EUROPE IS
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DIRECTED FROM AMSTERDAM (POST, JOC). JOC CARRIES
SPECIAL 14-PAGE SECTION ON "JAPAN; GROWTH STABILIZATION
KEYSTONE FOR THE FUTURE."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) NOTE UN CONTINUES IGNORE FORCED
EVACUATION ESTIMATED 3 MILLION CAMBODIANS, CALL IT
GREATEST ATROCITY SINCE NAZIS GASSED JEWS. QUOTE
INTELL MEMO PREPARED FOR WH THAT DESCRIBES PROGRAM,
HYPOTHESIZED REASON AS DESIRE OF COMMUNISTS REMAKE
KHMER SOCIETY IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME (IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) SEE US HUMILIATION IN LAOS AS REMINDER
OF POLICY FAILURE IN INDOCHINA. BELIEVE US DIPLOMATS
IN VIENTIANE FAVOR SOME AID ON GROUNDS LAOS NO
CAMBODIA, AS STRESSED BY HABIB IN VISIT, AND AID MAY
SOFTEN PL COMMUNISM, REDUCE NVN CONTROL, PERHAPS
MAINTAIN VESTIGIAL US INFLUENCE. SEE SOUVANNA
SUCCUMBING TO WISHFUL THINKING ON INDEPENDENT, UNIFIED
COUNTRY. OPINE NVN MAY BE REALLY RUNNING COUNTRY AND
PRESENT SLEEPY BRAND OF COMMUNISM WILL NOT LAST
LONG. CONCLUDE TOTAL US DISENGAGEMENT :- RETAINING
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IF POSSIBLE -- COULD PROVE
LEAST HUMILIATING US COURSE AS SEEN BY REST OF REGION
(IN USIA READING FILE).

9. MARIANAS

WP 6/21) SALUTES ISLANDS ON VOTE, BELIEVES CONGRESS
SHOULD HURRY TO ACT ON IT, WONDERS IF STRATEGIC RATIONALE
FOR PROMOTING COMMONWEALTH IS RELEVANT NOW. THINKS
CONGRESS SHOULD QUESTION SEPARATION OF ISLANDS FROM REST
OF TRUST TERRITORY, HOLD OFF FINAL DECISION ON MARIANAS
UNTIL CHOICES FOR REST OF TERRITORY CLARIFIED, WITH
FUTURE DETERMINED RELATED TO PROCESS INVOLVING
MARIANAS.

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10. DIEGO GARCIA

WSTAR (6/22) AGREES SOVIET PRESENCE PROVIDES VALID RATIONALE FOR BUILDING UP DIEGO GARCIA TO MAINTAIN CREDIBLE INDIAN OCEAN POWER BALANCE.

11. CHINA

WU (SUN), IN PEKING, OBSERVES PRC SEX EQUALITY BATTLE, SET OFF WHEN ANTI-CONFUCIUS BATTLE BEGAN, MAKING SLOW PROGRESS, WITH LONG WAY TO GO. OLD PHILOSOPHY, HABITS, TOO DEEPLY ROOTED TO BE

ERADICATED WITHIN SHORT TIME (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). EDITORIALY, SUN CITES WU FINDINGS THAT GPCR HAS BEEN REPLACED BY OMINIPRESENT CAMPAIGN FOR UNITY AT EVERY LEVEL SOCIETY. SUGGESTS THIS LIKELY BUILD STRONGER, HEALTHIER PRC AND GIVE COUNTRY STAKE IN STABLE WORLD. IS CERTAIN PEKING'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN FULL RELATIONS WITH US IS OPPORTUNITY WASHINGTON NOT LIKELY LET SLIP (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK, SEES PRC CLEARLY WORRIED THAT HANOI'S VICTORY AND US DEFEAT IN VN WILL RESULT IN INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION. CHINESE FEAR US MAY NO LONGER BE ABLE PLAY STABILIZING, COUNTER-BALANCING ROLE PEKING HAD PLANNED FOR SINCE SINO-US DETENTE BEGAN.

RICHARD GILLULY (SUN) NOTES BACK-TO-FARMS MOVEMENT IN PRC; SEES POSSIBILITY DEVELOPING NATIONS MIGHT ADOPT SIMILAR PLAN.

12. KOREA

LAT'S DONOVAN (IN 6/22 GLOBE) NOTES JUNE 24 IS 25TH ANNIVERSARY KOREAN WAR; IN AFTERMATH VN AND REDUCTION SK TO "REPRESSIVE, RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIP," NOT EASY TO ANSWER QUESTION WHETHER IT WAS WORTH COST.

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,3. JAPAN

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CHITRIB CONCEDES HAK, IN 6/18 ADDRESS URGING AISA ALLIES ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING THEIR OWN DEFENSE, DID NOT MENTION JAPAN; BUT CONTENTS HE

WAS ADDRESSING JAPAN SOCIETY, AND IF "COMBAT BOOT FITS, ONE SHOULD WEAR IT." JAPAN'S TOKEN DEFENSE UNREALISTIC TODAY AS US RELATIVE POWER DECLINES; URGES TOKYO SHAKE OFF POPULAR HORROR OF MILITARISM, FAVORS MODIFICATION JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL RENUNCIATION OF WAR.

AS EXAMPLES OF US-JAPAN "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" MENTIONED BY KISSINGER IN JAPAN SOCIETY TALK, NYT (6/22) CITES SK-NK AND SINO-SOVIET SITUATIONS FOR TOKYO-WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE ACTION.

NYT CALLS ON TOKYO AND MOSCOW TO COOPERATE WITH INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION EFFORTS TO LIMIT SLAUGHTER OF WHALES.

14. THAILAND

JUST RETURNED FROM ASIA TRIP, NYDN'S NATIONAL EDITOR SUNDERLAND SEES LITTLE CHANCE THAIS WILL TURN VOLUNTARILY TO COMMUNISM; THEY PROBABLY WILL SUPPORT GOVT'S NEUTRALIST POLICY, PARTICULARLY IF IT KEEPS NVA AWAY.

15. GENERAL

WSJ SEES HOPEFUL SIGNS TREASURY WRESTING CONTROL OF FOREIGN ECON POLICY FROM DOS, SINCE FORMER HAS BETTER GRASP MARKET ECONOMICS AND WILL BE VITAL FOR ADMIN TO KNOW WHAT IT BELIEVES WHEN DISCUSSIONS OF WORLD COMMODITY PRICES RENEWED. QUOTES TREASURY OFFICIAL THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE NOT FARED BADLY, WITH ROC, SK, THAILAND, KENYA EXCEEDING 8-PCT ANNUAL REAL GNP GROWTH OVER LAST DECADE. NOTES ROC, SK SINGLED OUT FOR DEFICIENCIES IN PRACTICING DEMOCRACY, BUT CALLS THEM BOTH PARAGONS IN TERMS OF RELATIVE POL FREEDOM, ECON PROGRESS, COMPARED TO SOME UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF LEFT.

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NYDN OPINION POLL SHOWS 62-PCT AGREE WITH PRES' DECISION ON USE OF FORCE TO RETAKE MAYAGUEZ; 61-PCT FAVOR SOME FORM MIL AID TO SK IN EVENT OF WAR THERE.

KRAFT (WP 6/22) SEES HAK IN JAPAN SOCIETY SPEECH MAKING CONFESSION THAT SECRECY OF HIS FIRST PRC VISIT WAS MISTAKE. SAYS "RARE REFERENCE TO 'POPULAR WILL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE'" IMPLIES US WILL NOT UNCRITICALLY EMBRACE PARK, MARCOS, SUHARTO REGIMES. KISSINGER

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